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At the time of the Office Action dated April 1, 2008, claims 1-10 and 13-61 were pending in this application. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 29-37 and 39-61. Claims 1-10, 13-28, and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In this Amendment, claims 1-10, 13-28, and 38 have been canceled, without prejudice, reserving right to prosecution in a continuation application. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 1-10, 13-28, and 38 have been rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims. Withdrawal of the rejections of the claims is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

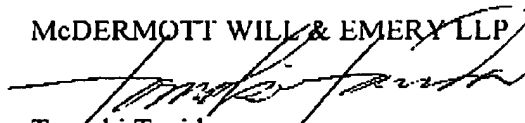
Claims 29-37 and 39-61 are now active in the present application.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants submit that this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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